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NEWS RELEASE: 110 Gang Member Pleads Guilty to Racketeering

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RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that **REDELL SMITH**, age 25, of Syracuse, New York, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to an Indictment charging him with conspiring to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity through his membership in the 110 Gang, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d).

As part of his plea, **SMITH** admitted the following: (1) that he was involved with the 110 gang, which was also known as "Face Mobb," in memoriam to slain 110 gang member Darone Scott, a/k/a "Face"; (2) that the 110 Gang engaged in a pattern of racketeering activity that included, among other things, possessing with intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine base (crack) and various acts of violence; (3) that the 110 Gang operated within a specifically defined geographic area on the south side of the City of Syracuse, New York; (4) that 110 Gang members routinely guarded that territory and resorted to acts of violence, if necessary, to insure that no rival gang members encroached upon their territory to sell drugs, or for any other reason; (5) that by tightly controlling their defined geographic area, 110 Gang members maintained an exclusive territory within which only their members or associates could distribute their crack cocaine; and (6) that the gang also routinely engaged in acts of violence both within and outside their territory in furtherance of their gang activities.

The Indictment alleges that **SMITH** committed various Overt Acts in furtherance of the racketeering conspiracy, including the following: (1) on December 18, 2000, SMITH, along with other 110 gang members, possessed a .22 caliber revolver with a defaced serial number, a .357 caliber revolver, and a Hi-Point 9 mm semi-automatic handgun (Overt Act #3); (2) on November 11, 2005, SMITH engaged in a fight, along with other 110 gang members, against multiple Brick Town gang members at the Carousel Mall in Syracuse, New York (Overt Act #17); (3) on April 14, 2007, in the presence of other 110 Gang members, **SMITH** stole a vehicle from a rival gang member in the parking lot of the Denny's Restaurant at 1440 West Genesee Street in Syracuse, New York, by pointing a gun at the driver of the vehicle, ordering him out of the vehicle, and then getting into the vehicle and driving away (Overt Act #22); (4) on November 11, 2007, SMITH shot at a rival gang member in the 200 block of West Ostrander Avenue in Syracuse, New York (Overt Act # 29); (5) on November 17, 2007, SMITH, along with another 110 gang member, pointed handguns at a rival gang member, who was sitting in a vehicle at the corner of Midland Avenue and West Newell Street in Syracuse, New York (Overt Act # 30); (6) on November 18, 2007, **SMITH** and another 110 gang member were involved in a shoot out with a rival gang member in the parking lot of the S&R Market on South Avenue, in Syracuse, New York (Overt Act # 31); and (7) on December 12, 2008, SMITH possessed a Bryco Arms, Jennings, 9 mm handgun, \$1,900 in U.S. currency and a small quantity of marijuana in the 600 block of Onondaga Avenue in Syracuse, New York (Overt Act # 43).

SMITH faces up to life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and up to five years of supervised release following any period of incarceration when he is sentenced on August 25, 2010. **SMITH** is the seventh 110 gang member to plead guilty in this matter. The cases against five co-defendants remain pending.¹

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force, which is comprised of agents and detectives from the following agencies: United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Syracuse Office), the Syracuse Police Department, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Assistant United States Attorney John M. Katko, the prosecutor handling the case, at (315) 448-0916.

¹ The allegations contained in the Indictment are mere accusations; and all of the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law either by way of a guilty plea or verdict of guilty.